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Terry Goddard, AARP Arizona to Host Shred a Thon, Share Tips to Prevent Identity Theft

(Phoenix, Ariz. – Oct. 20, 2005) Do you have tax returns from 1992? Haven't bought that shredder you have been meaning to buy? Bring your personal papers to the Red Mountain Multi-Generational Center in Mesa and join Attorney General Terry Goddard for a shred-a-thon and presentation on ID theft prevention. This event will be held Thursday, Oct. 27, from 9 –11 a.m.

Goddard and AARP Arizona will host a *Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft* presentation. Mesa Police Chief Dennis Donna will join Goddard and AARP Arizona State Director David Mitchell for the presentation.

The program includes providing a large shredding truck for Mesa residents who have old bills, tax returns, medical records and other documents that need shredding. The Iron Mountain Shredding Company has donated one of its shredding trucks for this event. Mesa residents are encouraged to bring boxes of their old papers for disposal.

"ID theft is a crime of convenience, and thieves look for the easiest way to take someone's identity," Goddard said. "Shredding documents is a quick and easy way to protect yourself from becoming an ID theft victim."

Currently, Arizona ranks No. 1 in the country for identity theft. This program will provide residents with information and tips to protect themselves.

"Many people don't realize that bits and pieces of their personal information can be a gold mine to an identity thief," said David Mitchell, AARP Arizona State Director. "In fact, a person's name, address and phone number may be all that is needed to commit fraud and damage a person's good name or credit."

Event Information:

When: Thursday, Oct. 27
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Where: Red Mountain Multi Generational Center
7550 E. Adobe Road
Mesa

A door-prize drawing will be held during the ID theft protection presentation.
This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call toll free 1-866-358-6661.

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